



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Partnering with Federally Recognized Tribal Governments — Strengthening Our Conservation Connection Through Learning



How We Connect

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has a long history of working with tribal governments to manage fish and wildlife resources. The Service is committed to developing Native American and Alaska Native natural resource professionals employed by federally recognized tribes. At the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), fish and wildlife professionals come together and strengthen their conservation connection through innovative educational programs and training opportunities.

The NCTC is a place where individuals seek common ground in developing solutions to the most challenging environmental problems of the 21st century. The NCTC provides a setting where people from across the conservation community—government (federal, state, and tribal), academic, and nonprofit—learn new skills, break down barriers, and share perspectives.

What We Do

The NCTC takes an adaptive approach to teaching and learning. Our courses are the result of over 20 years of experience. They have been designed to meet relevant and critical needs in conservation. You can be confident that you are receiving the best possible training.

Most NCTC students are natural resource professionals looking to enhance their knowledge and skills. Classes are open to those who meet the prequalification standards set forth for each course.

We deliver training at our campus in Shepherdstown, West Virginia and at various locations around the country. We also offer training online through your computer. Tuition varies by class. For tuition rates, please refer to our website at <http://nctc.fws.gov/courses/tuition/>. *

We Invite You To

- Take your career to the next level – enhance your scientific expertise and leadership skills on-site or online.
- Take advantage of college credit available for many of our courses.
- Visit our archive of previously recorded broadcasts, audio podcasts, tutorials, videos, and webinars (<https://nctc.fws.gov/topic/online-training/>) – all available at no cost.

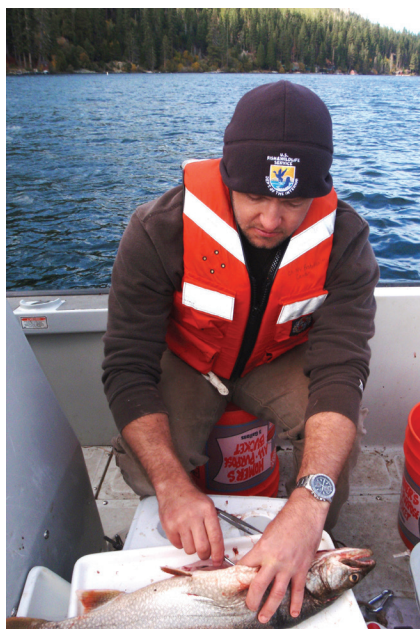
“I attended the Applied Fluvial Geomorphology course taught by the world-famous Dave Rosgen. The course was amazing and was made that much more enjoyable by the impeccable and outstanding hospitality and accommodations at the NCTC.”

- Dan McCaw, Fisheries Biologist
Penobscot Indian Nation

* A limited number of prepaid vouchers are available for tribal natural resource professionals to attend NCTC training. Please contact Scott Aikin (scott_aikin@fws.gov), National Native American Programs Coordinator at 202/285-3411 or DJ Monette (dj_monette@fws.gov), Associate Native American Liaison Advisor at 413/244-4495 for more information.

Types of Courses We Offer

NCTC offers a wide variety of courses, and we've highlighted a few in each of the following categories. For a complete listing of all our courses, refer to the online catalog at <http://nctc.fws.gov>.



Fisheries Science

- Fish Ecology
- Fish Identification
- Coldwater Fish Culture
- Freshwater Fish Culture
- Introduction to Fish Health
- Fish Population Dynamics and Assessment
- Principles and Techniques of Electrofishing
- Macroinvertebrate Ecology and Identification
- Freshwater Mussel Identification
- Conservation Biology of Freshwater Mussels
- Freshwater Mussel Propagation for Restoration

Habitat Restoration and Management

- Stream Restoration Series (4 courses)
- Wetland Restoration and Management

Geospatial, Statistics and Modeling

- GIS (Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced courses)
- Field Data Management
- Design and Analysis for Biological Monitoring
- Modeling Principles for Natural Resources
- Watershed Analysis and Hydrologic Modeling

Climate Change and Decision Analysis

- Climate Academy (online course)
- Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- Climate-Smart Conservation with Scenario Planning
- Decision Analysis for Climate Change (online course)
- Structured Decision Making Series (7 courses)

Ecology and Field Biology

- Field Techniques for Invasive Plant Management
- Wetland Plant Identification
- Applied Landscape-Scale Conservation Biology
- Introduction to Conservation Genetics (online course)

Policy and Planning

- Migratory Bird Conservation – A Trust Responsibility
- Interagency Consultation for Endangered Species
- Developing a Biological Assessment

- Restoration Policy, Planning, and Partnering
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Restoration

Watercraft Safety

- Motorized and Non-motorized Craft

Communications

- Writing with Clarity (online course)
- Negotiation Skills for Conservation Professionals
- Communicating Science: Distilling Your Message

Leadership

- Introduction to Team Leadership
- Crucial Conversations
- Leading at the Speed of Trust
- Inspiring Leadership through Emotional Intelligence

Youth Education

- Environmental Education for Youth Series (online, 8 courses)
- Creating a Schoolyard Habitat/ Outdoor Classroom

How to Apply for a Class

1. Go to: <http://nctc.fws.gov>. Under the “I Want To ...” menu, select “Take Training.” Then select “Catalog” under “Training Resources.” You may also use the Catalog Search function to type in key words, for example, “habitat restoration” or “fisheries.”
2. On the Catalog page you'll see a list of curriculum categories. Click on a category and look for course description, college credit offered, and class dates.
3. Pick your course, noting title and course number. Navigate back to the Main Page using your back arrow.
4. Under “Training Resources,” select “How to Register” and follow the directions for the registration method you prefer (you can choose to register online or send in an application).

If you need assistance or have general questions, email:
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phone: 304/870-7101.